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1. Salvador Ocampo, Chilean Communist, was in Ecuador during the first week of January 1949. It is reported that he traveled under an assumed name and crossed the Ecuadorian-Colombian border illegally. There are no records in the Ecuadorian Department of Immigration which show his entrance or his departure.
 2. While in Guayaquil he stayed at the home of Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE). He is said to have checked on the activities of the PCE and stated that he would report on his observations to "headquarters in Mexico".
 3. Augustine Vera Looz, a former member of the PCE, stated that Ocampo discussed the necessity of winning back all former members and the possibility of removing Vera from the list of expelled members. Vera said he had no interest in joining the Party again as he is now considered a "persona decente". Ocampo replied that because of Vera's expulsion, he would be even more valuable if he secretly rejoined the Party since it would be assumed that he was no longer active in Party affairs.

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